

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Device for production of an upper anchorage for prefabricated steps (2) for ~~the~~ a pool of a swimming pool, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~comprising at least one element (4), ~~the cross section of which is formed such as~~shaped to act as a spout for casting concrete, the ~~said~~at least one element(s) (4) co-operating firstly with support means (6) ~~which can be connected~~ to the steps, and secondly with posts (5) for support on the ground, the at least one element(s) (4) ~~being designed to surround the~~surrounding an -upper part of ~~the~~an outer surface of the steps (2).

2. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) is ~~(are)~~ in communication with the posts (5) which posts are hollow for casting the concrete.

3. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) has ~~(have)~~ positioning fixtures; for centring and abutment of the posts (5).

4. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the support means (6) ~~consist of~~comprise flanges or load-bearing fixtures ~~which have a cross section formed such that they can be clipped onto the~~an upper level of the steps (2), and ensure ~~the~~ support of the at least one element(s) (4).

5. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one element(s) (4) has ~~(have)~~ a squared transverse cross section, ~~the~~a horizontal wing of which ~~can be positioned such that it is supported against the outer surface of the steps.~~

6. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 4 ~~characterized in that~~wherein the flanges or load-bearing fixtures ~~(6)~~ delimit a transverse cross section substantially in the form of a "U" or an "L".

7. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it has~~having a plurality of elements ~~(4)~~, the transverse ends of which have imbrication fixtures with an adjacent element in order to ensure continuity.

8. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein a horizontal wing of each element ~~(4)~~ has a profiled support edge which corresponds to ~~the~~a profile of the outer surface of the steps, ~~the~~and a vertical wing ~~consisting of comprising~~ two shoulders ~~which are~~ disposed angularly.

9. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 3 ~~or Claim 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the positioning fixtures of the elements ~~(4)~~ for ~~positioning, centring and abutment of the posts (5)~~ are disposed in ~~the~~a horizontal wing ~~of the at least one element at the~~a level of the intersection of the two shoulders, ~~which are~~ disposed angularly, of a vertical wing of the at least one element.

10. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein after being connected to the steps, ~~(2)~~, the at least one element(s) ~~(4)~~ is ~~(are)~~ in continuity with an upper anchorage ~~(3)~~ provided by panels ~~(1)~~ ~~which can constitute of~~ the pool of the swimming pool.